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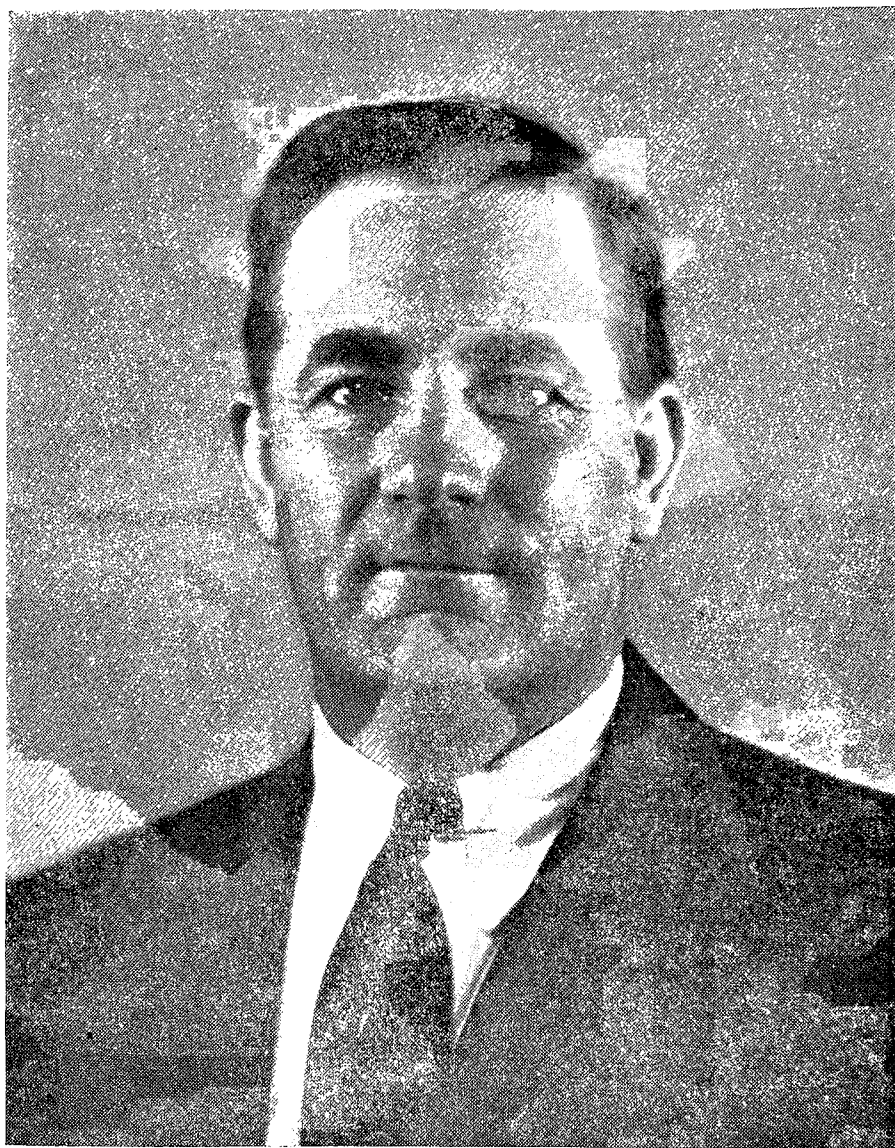


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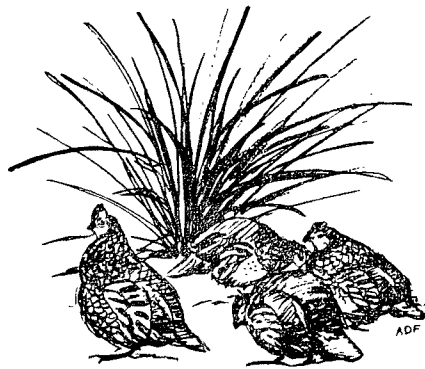


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Next Convention to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan,
August 31 and September 1, 1936

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3. Integration of a program of wildlife restoration and land use by taking directly by visual demonstration to those who control the land specialized knowledge heretofore available only to few with biological training.

4. Training of technical qualified game-management personnel of which there is a lamentable shortage.

We believe that it is a fine program and one which will be of immense practical value to the nation.

The Chairman: That concludes our program so far as papers are concerned. I will now call upon Mr. LeCompte, Chairman of the Time and Place Committee, for his report.

REPORT OF TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

Mr. LeCompte: The Time and Place Committee of the American Fisheries Society and of this Association met on Wednesday in joint session, Mr. Quinn acting as chairman. By unanimous vote it was agreed that we should recommend as the next meeting place of this organization Grand Rapids, Michigan, the meetings to begin on Monday, August 31.

Judge Miles: I move that the report be approved.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Chairman: I will call upon Mr. LeCompte, chairman of the Auditing Committee, for his report.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mr. LeCompte: The Auditing Committee, composed of Mr. Bode, Mr. MacKenzie and myself, have very carefully checked your Secretary-Treasurer's report and have signed our O. K. to the same, which we find to be correct.

Judge Miles: I move that the report be approved.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Chairman: Mr. Leffler will present the report of the Resolutions Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Leffler: With your permission I will read all the resolutions. Then if it is desired that they be taken up separately, that can be done.

The resolutions are as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Whereas wildlife has suffered in innumerable instances through lack of proper coordination and planning in advance of construction of reclamation, transportation, drainage and other projects;

Therefore be it resolved, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urge that state and Federal authorities of whatsoever bureaus or departments may be charged with the initiation and carrying out of public works projects affecting or that may affect wildlife consult and advise fully with state game departments before

the initiation of any such projects to the end that wildlife and its habitat may be given due protection.

TAYLOR GRAZING ACT

Whereas wildlife is rightly entitled to share in the use of forage resources of all public lands, and;

Whereas the Taylor Act provides for regulation of only 80,000,000 acres of the public domain, and; Whereas said Act provides for the promulgation of suitable rules and regulations for cooperation with state agencies concerned with protection and propagation of wildlife interested in the use of the public domain;

Therefore be it resolved, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorse the principle of circular No. 3 of the Interior Department, Special Rules for Grazing Districts of the Public Domain in New Mexico, and urge the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate at an early date adequate rules for the other states, having due regard to recommendations of the state game departments concerned.

Be it further resolved that we favor an amendment to the Taylor Act to place the balance of the 173,000,000 acres of the public domain under proper administration.

MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS

We appreciate the earnest efforts of the Biological Survey to provide restrictions governing the shooting of wildfowl during the season of 1935 for further conserving the breeding stock of these birds, and we hereby express our confidence that the same sincere endeavor on the part of the Biological Survey will govern its further actions in dealing with the wildfowl situation. However, we respectfully suggest that in reference to future regulations where shooting seasons are prescribed, the state game departments be asked to recommend the periods for hunting in their own states within reasonable maximum limits prescribed by the Biological Survey.

CONSOLIDATION OF FEDERAL CONSERVATION AGENCIES

Whereas in our opinion the interests of wildlife can be served to best advantage by a consolidation of all Federal agencies dealing with the conservation and restoration of organic natural resources;

Therefore, be it resolved, That such consolidation be accomplished at the earliest possible moment.

WATER PURITY STANDARDS

Whereas stream pollution is now receiving important consideration by both Federal and state authorities, and;

Whereas precedents and standards about to be established for the regulation and abatement of pollution by these authorities will have far-reaching effects on the future of both food and game fisheries, and;

Whereas conditions resulting from the treatment or partial removal of pollution in many cases may meet the requirements of other interests, but still leave these public waters unsuited for fish;

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, That in the framing of legislation now pending or contemplated and in the drafting of recommendations by Federal and state agencies relative to water-purity standards to be set or maintained in public waters, correct standards require conditions not merely sublethal, but favorable to all stages of the desirable food and game fishes of the particular region and to those aquatic organisms, both plant and animal, which comprise the food of these fishes.

AMERICAN WILDLIFE INSTITUTE

Whereas the American Wildlife Institute was recently organized to serve as a cooperative and coordinating agency for all North American groups interested in the restoration of fish, game and other wildlife; and;

Whereas such a central agency can be of great assistance to the work of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners and its members;

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners pledges its hearty cooperation with the American Wildlife Institute.

APPRECIATION OF COURTESIES

Whereas this twentieth-ninth annual meeting of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners is about to adjourn;

Be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners at its twenty-ninth annual convention assembled in Tulsa, Oklahoma, September 12 and 13, 1935, hereby expresses its sincere appreciation of the fine hospitality and many courtesies extended to its members and guests during the convention by the Oklahoma Game and Fish Commission, the officials of the city of Tulsa, the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, the management of the Mayo Hotel, the Southern Hills Country Club, the Tulsa Country Club, the Tulsa World, the Tulsa Tribune, the broadcasting stations KVOO and KTUL, Mr. H. V.